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SUBJECT: MARTINEZ DE HOZ BILATERALS-PRESS REPORTS

1. HEAVY WEEKEND PRESS CONVERGENCE MARTINEZ DE HOZ  
BILATERAL TALKS WITH BRZEZINSKI REFLECTS APPARENT  
CONTINUED HOIES OF ECONMIN'S GROUP THAT HEADWAY MADE  
IN PERSUADING US LEADERS THAT ARGENTINA'S FIGHT AGAINST  
TERRORISTS IS SPECIAL CASE AND DOES NOT FIT WITHIN  
FRAMEWORK OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

2. "CLARIN" COVERAGE JUNE 5 OF MARTINEZ DE HOZ-  
BRZEZINSKI TALKS SAID FORMER QUALIFIED MEETING AS  
"INTERESTING." SAID HE DEFINED BRZEZINSKI AS  
"SYMPATHETIC HUMANIST, COMMUNICATIVE AND VERY FLEXIBLE."  
SAID EXTENSION OF MEETING WITH MARTINEZ DE HOZ CAUSED  
BRZEZINSKI TO DELAY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER  
AND BLUMENTHAL. "CLARIN" STORY ACKNOWLEDGED US  
HASN'T ABANDONED POSITION ALREADY EXPRESSED BY  
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BLUMENTHAL IN GUATEMALA. HOWEVER, STATES "CONCLUSION  
IN ARGENTINE DELEGATION IS THAT 'UNITED STATES HAS  
MATURED IN ITS UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE  
IN DISTINCT REGIONS AND SITUATIONS DISTINCT POLICIES.'"

3. "OPINION" SUNDAY SAID BRZEZINSKI SHOWED UNDER-  
STANDING OF ARGENTINE SITUATION AND MENTIONED

ASSASSINATIONS OF ARAMBURU AND CARDOZO. ALSO SAID HE EMPHASIZED THAT IN MANY CASE US POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IS BADLY INTERPRETED, GIVEN THAT INTENTION OF HIS COUNTRY IS TO SEARCH FOR ASSEMBLY OF NATIONS IN DEFENSE OF THESE RIGHTS AND IN NO WAY TO IMPOSE THESE PRINCIPLES ON OTHER COUNTRIES. ADDED THAT BRZEZINSKI INTERESTED IN TRAVELING TO ARGENTINA AND KEEPING OPEN COMMUNICATION LINES WITH GOA OFFICIALS.

4. "OPINION" CONCLUDES: IF THIS INTERVIEW WILL DO NOTHING TO MODIFY PRINCIPLES SUSTAINED BY US REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS, IT HAS HAD VALUE OF DEMONSTRATING THAT THERE IS A MORE FLEXIBLE POSITION IN REGARD TO OUR COUNTRY AS CONSEQUENCE OF EPLANATIONS OFFERED" BY MARTINEZ DE HOZ.

5. "PRENSA" SUNDAY CARRIED UP STORY QUOTING INFORMED SOURCES AS SAYING BRZEZINSKI TOLD MARTINEZ DE HOZ THAT CARTER GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS SITUATION ARGENTINA IS PASSING THROUGH AND FACT THAT RIGID CONCEPT OF HUMAN RIGHTS NNOT BE APPLIED TO COUNTRY CONFRONTED WITH GRAVE PHENOMENON OF TERRORISM ALSO SAID US OFFICIAL MADE IT CLEAR IT IS GOA'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE CIRCUMSTANCES KNOWN AND THAT US WON'T GIVE IT (I.E. ARGENTINA) ANY PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT.

6. "NACION" SUNDAY TERMED THE BRZEZINSKI-  
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MARTINEZ DE HOZ TALK ONE THAT "COULD HAVE DECISIVE IMPORTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND US." "NACION'S CORRESPONDENT SAID BRZEZINSKI ALREADY UNDERSTOOD THAT ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT ENGAGED IN POLITICAL PERSECUTIONS BUT IN DEFENSE OF NATION AGAINST GUERRILLA ATTACKS. ALSO REPORTED HE SAID FROM THE US VIEW OF HUMAN RIGHTS ANTI-GUERRILLA ACTION IS NOT QUESTIONABLE.

7. "LA RAZON" JUNE 3 BANNERED "CREDITS FOR GREAT WORKS: MARTINEZ DE HOZ SPEAKS ON HIS IAGOTIATION IMFUS." STORY DISCUSSED MEETING WITH BLUMENTHAL, SAID MARTINEZ DE HOZ TERMED IT "VERY CORDIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE ABOVE ALL." MARTINEZ DE HOZ QUOTED AS SAYING HE TOLD BLUMENTHAL THAT ARGENTINA SHARES US CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS. ALSO "THAT IN ARGENTINA THERE IS NO PERSECUTION FOR POLITICAL, IDEOLOGICAL, RELIGIOUS OR RACIAL MOTIVES BUT THAT SIMPLY IT IS A COUNTRY DEFENDING ITSELF AGAINST...AGGRESSION OF SUBVERSIVE CRIMINALS.

ALL THIS WAS UNDERSTOOD BY MR. BLUMENTHAL.  
....WE HAVE ASKED UNDERSTANDING THAT THE POSITION  
OF OUR COUNTRY BE DISTINGUISHED FROM AND NOT CONFUSED WITH  
THAT OF OTHERS IN WHICH THERE IS PERSECUTION OF  
PERSONS FOR DISTINCT MOTIVES WHICH CONSTITUTES..  
VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

M "RAZON" QUOTES MARTINEZ DE HOZ AS SAYING THAT  
CONGRESSMAN BADILLO, AUTHOR OF ONE OF THE PROPOSED  
AMENDMENTS BEFORE CONGRESS, ASKED TO  
TALK WITH HIM.

9. "THE TALK WAS HIGHLY USEFUL AS I WAS ABLE TO  
EXPLAIN TO HIM WHAT THE SITUATION IS AND MR. BADILLO  
SAID TO ME THAT PRECISELY...THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN  
WHAT IS VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE DEFENSE AGAINST  
TERRORIST ACTS..." HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN CONSIDERATION  
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